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Unitary shipments-----

April down 14%, year down 15%

ARLINGTON, Va. -- Combined U.S. shipments of unitary air conditioners and air source heat pumps dropped 14 percent in April, compared to April 1989 -- down 15 percent compared to last year's January-April figures. Heat pump shipments alone are down 5 percent for the year, according to ARI statistics.

U.S. shipments of unitary air conditioners and heat pumps during April:

- o totalled 378,917,
- o down 14% from April 1989,
- o year-to-date total 1,335,397,
- o down 15% from January-April 1989.

Heat pump shipments included in the April figures:

- o totalled 71,817,
- o down 7% from April 1989,
- o year-to-date total 275,241,
- o down 5% from January-April 1989.

April factory stocks:

- o down 2,676 units from March,
- o up 8,167 units from April 1989.

April distributor shipments:

- o down 19% from April 1989,
- o year-to-date shipments down 15%.

April distributor inventories:

- o up 38,034 units from March,
- o up 168,404 units from April 1989.

April U.S. dollar bookings of reciprocating liquid chillers:

- o down 1% from April 1989,
- o year-to-date total down 2%.

April U.S. dollar bookings of large tonnage liquid chillers:

- o up 17% from April 1989,
- o year-to-date total down 12%.

(See reverse side for Condensed Summary.)

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Reports of U.S. Manufacturers Shipments

CONDENSED SUMMARY BY SIZE

		UNITED STATES				
		NUMBER OF UNITS				
		CONDENSER-TYPE				
SIZE BTUH (000)		AIR/EVAP COOLED A	WATER COOLED B	U.S. TOTAL C	% CHG. FROM 1989	
Under 16.5		4,058	0	4,058	+6.5	
16.5-21.9		28,734	0	28,734	-9.7	
22 -26.9		79,783	0	79,783	-13.9	
27 -32.9		74,313	0	74,313	-14.3	
33 -38.9		84,111	65	84,176	-12.1	
39 -43.9		27,819	0	27,819	-13.7	
44 -53.9		33,500	0	33,500	-22.7	
54 -64.9		30,803	136	30,939	-17.4	
65 -96.9		6,197	73	6,270	-6.7	
97 -134.9		4,369	64	4,433	-.7	
135 -184.9		2,260	38	2,298	-5.6	
185 -249.9		1,060	26	1,086	-4.6	
250 -319.9		573	6	579	+28.7	
320 -379.9		236	12	248	-17.1	
380 -539.9		226	36	262	-10.9	
540 -639.9		121	16	137	-16.0	
640 & Over		249	33	282	+3.7	
TOTAL		378,412	505	378,917	-13.9	